

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Underwood Road Farm Survey Number: G-IV-A-182

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Underwood Road Farm, with the log portion of its main dwelling dating to the nineteenth century but its outbuildings dating to the early and mid-1900s, documents the agricultural landscape surrounding the county seat of Oakland from the mid-nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. An agricultural economy predominated throughout the area during the mid-nineteenth century. Many of the original settlers, transplanted from Tidewater Maryland and Virginia, first attempted to grow tobacco as a cash crop but subsequently shifted their focus to raising cattle and growing wheat, corn, oats, rye, and Irish potatoes. The typical farm in this era averaged about 240 acres and consisted of 30% improved and 70% unimproved land. Agriculture also remained the predominant economic activity outside of Oakland in the late nineteenth century, as farmland comprised about 50 percent of the county's land mass in 1880, and more than 60 percent by 1910. Farms of this period typically raised potatoes, orchard products, oats, corn, buckwheat, wheat, rye, and barley as well as cattle, sheep, swine, and horses. Even in the subsequent decades of the twentieth century, as mechanization began to alter many farming practices, most of the area's residents were still employed in agriculture. Mid-twentieth-century farms in the area focused on producing potatoes, hay, corn, small grains, buckwheat, oats, garden vegetables, and maple sugar, and dairying became a significant regional agricultural pursuit.

Although no structures documenting the earliest years of settlement in Garrett County survive, a dozen or so buildings dating to the early nineteenth century still stood in the early 1980s. These structures reflect the log construction traditions prevalent in Tidewater Maryland. Two-room, hall-parlor plans with V-notched corners predominated among the surviving buildings. The hewn logs were chinked with riven-wood billets or small rocks and daubed with mud mixed with animal hair. According to the present owner of the Underwood Road Farm house, the log section of this building is also laid out on a hall-parlor plan on both floors, and may have been built even earlier than the mid-nineteenth century.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Stuart Dixon/KCI Technologies, Inc.

Concurrence of Eligible Office of Preservation Services  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/17/98  
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

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Reviewer, NR program

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Date

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Stuart Dixon

Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory. However, the original log core of the farm house does represent a distinctive method and period of construction. The Underwood Road Farm house possesses integrity of location, setting, workmanship, feeling, and material. This building meets Criterion C, thus we recommend it eligible for the National Register under that criterion. The recommended National Register boundaries include the entire tax parcel.

## Addendum Sheet

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Underwood Road Farm  
Garrett County

Preparer: Gabrielle M. Lanier  
Date Prepared: March 27, 1997

A recent (1997) survey of the Underwood Road Farm revealed significant new information about the farm house. Also, several other outbuildings including a springhouse, a garage, and four sheds stand on the property in addition to the house and bank barn which were mentioned in the original survey description.

The house is actually part log and part frame, and was built in two construction episodes. The southernmost portion of the house is built of log, while the smaller section that extends to the north is constructed of frame. The delineation between the two building periods and construction methods is clearly indicated not only by the deeply inset windows and slightly sagging ridgeline on the south end, but also by a timber that protrudes from the front and rear elevations at the plate line. Also, the present owner is renovating portions of the house and has replaced all of the windows in the front porch with modern sash. In addition, all of the windows on the front elevation at second floor level have been covered over and will probably be sheathed to match the rest of the house. The lower portion of the front porch has also been faced with a stone veneer. The house is now clad in fiberboard rather than aluminum siding.

Several outbuildings stand on the property in addition to the house and barn. Standing furthest to the south is a modern gable-roofed corrugated metal garage. This building rests on a concrete block foundation and is clad and roofed in corrugated metal. Two corrugated metal doors in the front (northwest) gable and two more similar doors on the northeast elevation provide access to the interior. The roof is pierced by several regularly-spaced green fiberglass skylights, and the rear gable is lit by a very large twenty-four-light fixed sash window. This building is presently used as a tractor and equipment storage shed.

Just north of the modern shed stands a two-story gable-roofed gable-fronted frame springhouse facing into a natural earthen embankment. This building rests on a concrete foundation and is clad in wooden weatherboards finished with flat wooden corner boards. It is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof with a wooden eave. The southeastern portion of the roof projects beyond the gable wall and is supported with round wooden poles. This roof overhang shelters two doors: a four-panel wooden door with flat wood surrounds at second-floor level, and a wooden door just below this one at foundation level. Wooden ladder steps lead up to the second-floor door. Two-over-two and six-over-six, double-hung sash windows finished with flat wooden surrounds, sills, and drip caps light the interior. Several two-light sash windows illuminate the cellar.

A frame combination coalhouse and smokehouse stands east of the house. This is a one-story building that rests on stone piers, is clad in vertical boards and topped with a rolled asphalt gable roof with exposed rafter feet. A single vertical board door with horizontal battens pierces the east elevation.

To the north stands a semi-ruinous one-story, gable-fronted frame shed with a leanto attached to one long elevation. This building rests on dry-laid stone piers and is clad in vertical boards. It is topped with a corrugated metal gable roof. A single six-light fixed sash window and a doorless opening pierce the south gable. According to the current owner, this building once served as a chicken house.

Just to the west stands another one-story frame shed. This building includes mortared stone piers, mixed board-and-batten and vertical board walling, and a wood-shingled roof finished with a wooden eave and exposed rafter feet. A wooden door pierces the southeast elevation, and a six-light fixed sash window with flat wood surrounds pierces the northwest elevation.

The frame bank barn, which was the only outbuilding included in the earlier survey description, includes walling of mixed weatherboards and corrugated metal. It is topped with a corrugated metal gambrel roof. An earthen ramp on the southeast elevation leads to the primary entrance, which contains two sliding vertical board doors. Several tall wooden louvers on the front and the gables ventilate the interior. A large concrete block silo topped with a

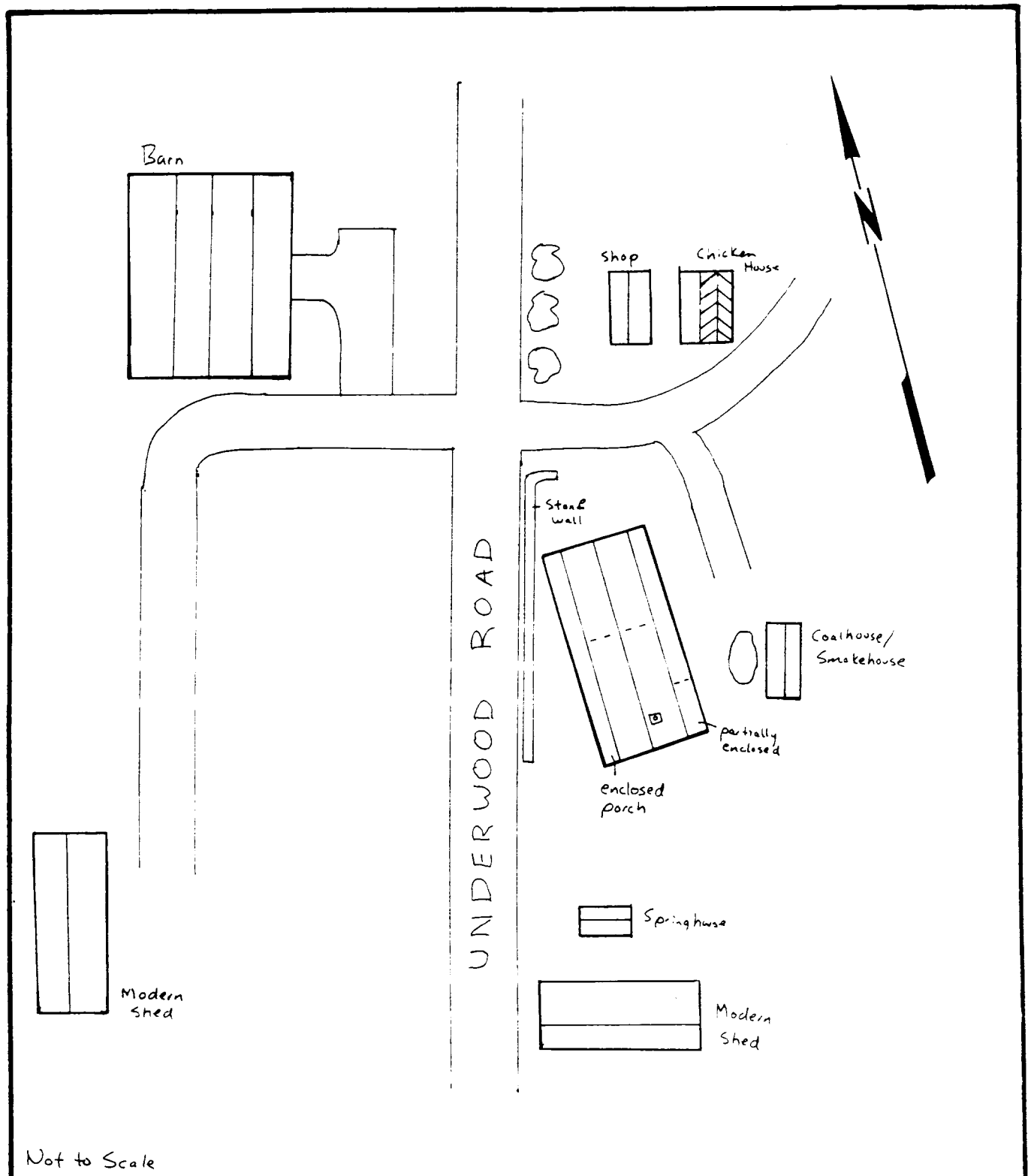
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metal dome roof and fastened with iron turnbuckles stands adjacent to the northeast gable. According to the present property owner, this barn was built about 70 years ago to replace an earlier log barn that occupied the same site.

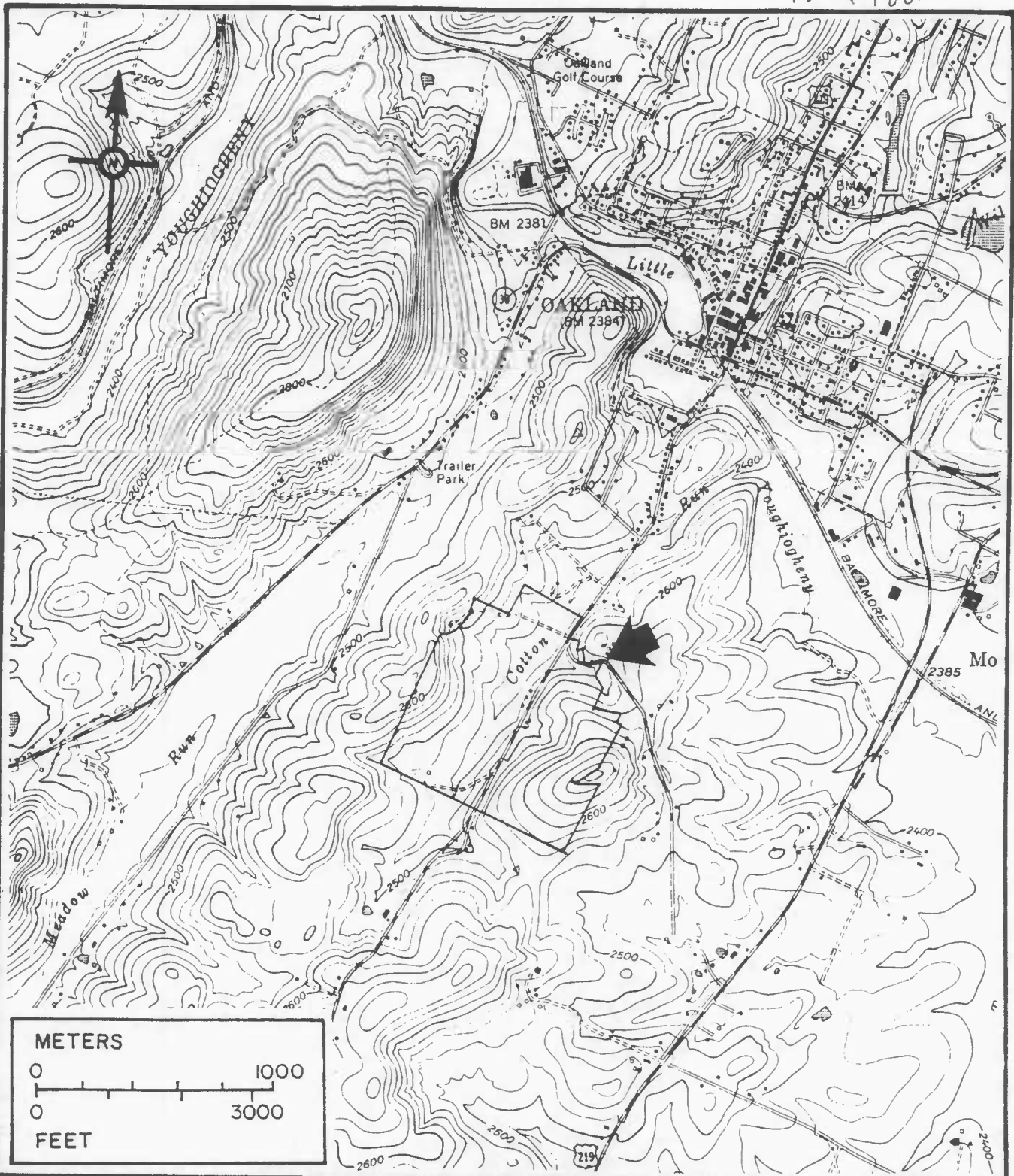
South of the barn stands a gable-roofed, open-sided shed. This is a two-walled frame building that is supported with wooden poles and sheathed and roofed in corrugated metal.



### Resource Sketch Map

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Underwood Road Farm  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County

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Section of Oakland, MD-WVA 7.5' Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)  
showing the National Register Boundaries for Underwood Road Farm  
Tax Parcel number 94, Map 78, Grid 19  
141.02 acres



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GARRETT COUNTY, MD

STUART DIXON

2/19/97

MD SHPO

NE ELEVATION LOOKING SW

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Underwood Road Farm  
Oakland  
Private

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This farm straddles Underwood Rd. south of Oakland. A gambrel-roofed frame bank barn stands on the northwest side of the road, and a two story frame house is located southeast of the road.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Underwood Road Farm**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Underwood Rd. south of Oakland

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th.

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Garrett County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This farm straddles Underwood Rd. south of Oakland. A gambrel-roofed frame bank barn stands on the northwest side of the road, and a two story frame house is located southeast of the road.

The four bay long dwelling is covered by an enclosed front porch and an open rear porch. 6/6 windows light the south half of the house, and 2/2 windows light the north section, suggesting two building periods.

An interior chimney heats the south end of the house. The aluminum sided house is covered by an asphalt roof. The house stands on a stone foundation.

The well-preserved bank barn stands on a stone foundation and is covered with horizontal weatherboards.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Further research is needed to determine the significance of this farm.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

June 1982

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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